Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Kevin Page
Chief of Rail Transportation

DATE: July 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing May 2010 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on May 2010 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for May 2010 and May 2009.

Key Facts

- Statewide year over year comparisons:
  - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for May 2010 increased 15 percent as compared to May 2009, to 99,348.
  - Statewide on-time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia decreased 12.1 percent to 53 percent in May 2010 as compared to May 2009.
  - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of Amtrak ridership at 35.6 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for May 2010 as compared to May 2009 is the Lynchburg district at 124 percent or 3,089 additional passengers.
  - May 2010 included the same number of weekdays and weekend days as May 2009.

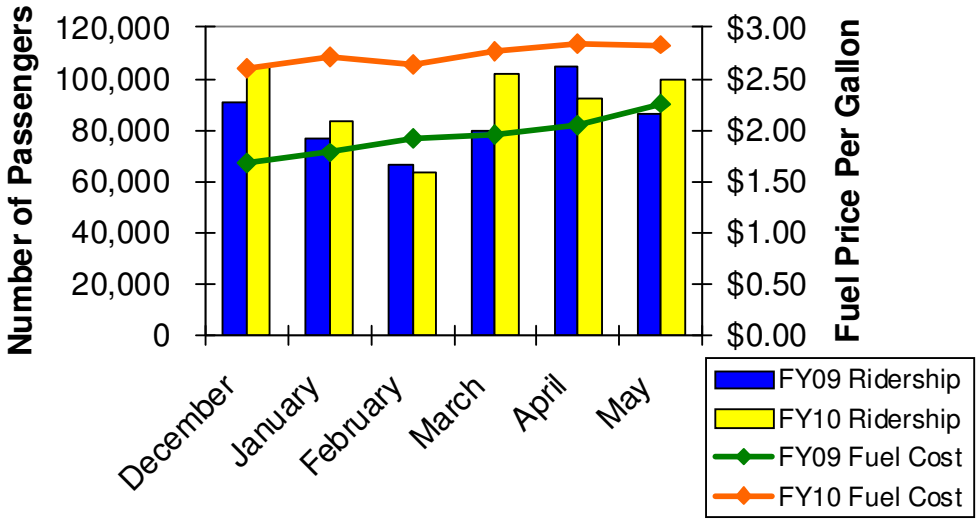
- Statewide station comparisons:
  - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in May 2010:
    1. Staples Mill 21,540
    2. Lorton 19,566
    3. Alexandria 12,267
    4. Newport News 12,194
    5. Charlottesville 8,030

  - Top five Virginia stations by percentage of passenger growth in May 2010 as compared to May 2009:
    1. Lynchburg 140%
    2. Culpeper 94%
    3. Manassas 68%
    4. Charlottesville 54%

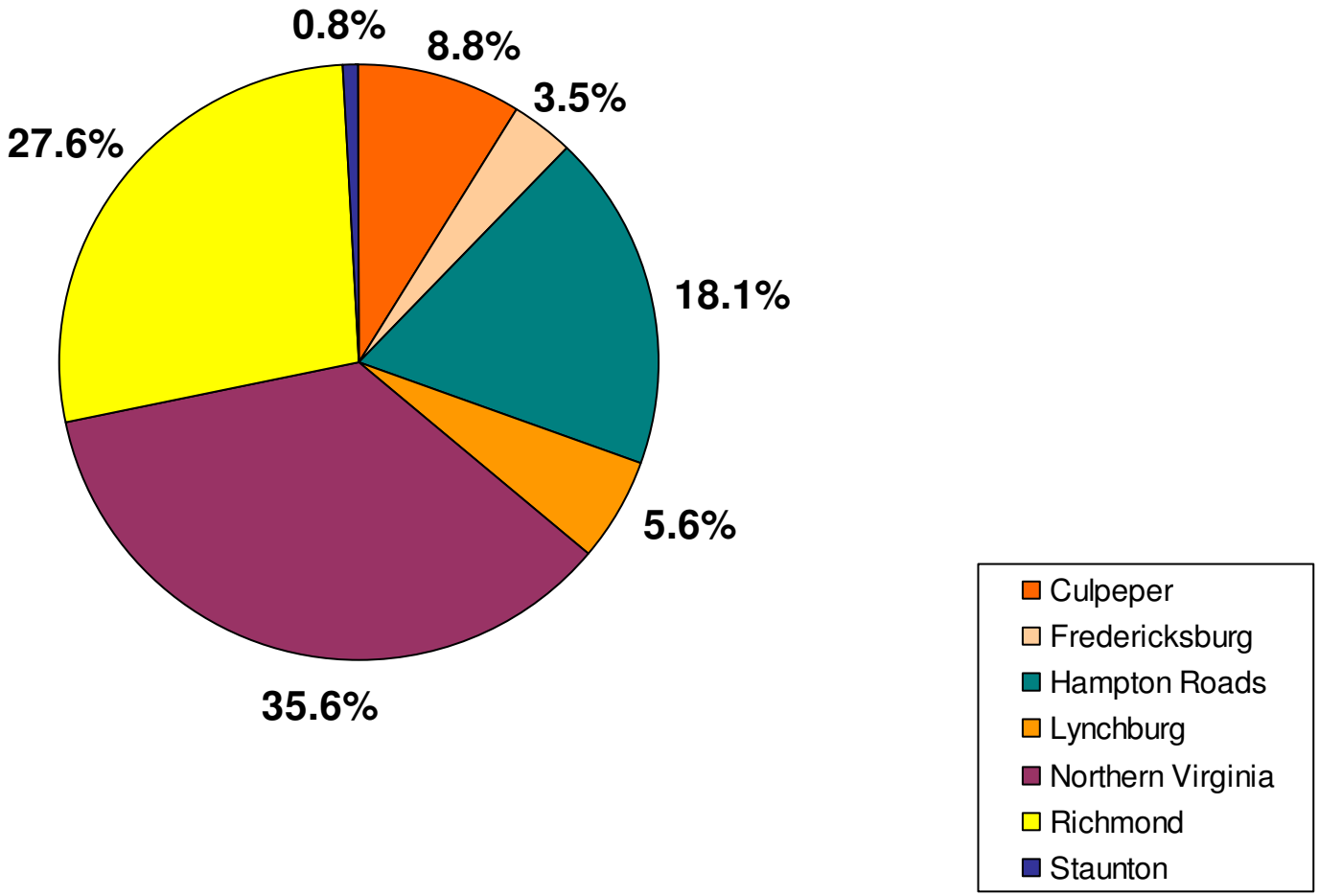
5. Danville 45%

- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service[1]:
  - Lynchburg route service began October 1, 2009
  - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in May 2010 was 10,684, exceeding the monthly target of 4,340 by 146.2 percent.
  - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in May 2010 was $519,541.62 exceeding the monthly target of $219,139 by 137.1 percent.
  - The 76.8 percent on-time performance for the Lynchburg route exceeded the statewide average of 53 percent in May 2010.
  - Top five bi-directional city pairs by revenue for the new Lynchburg route in May 2010:
    1. Charlottesville—New York
    2. Lynchburg—New York
    3. Lynchburg—Washington, D.C.
    4. Charlottesville— Washington, D.C.
    5. Charlottesville—Philadelphia

FY2010 Amtrak Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

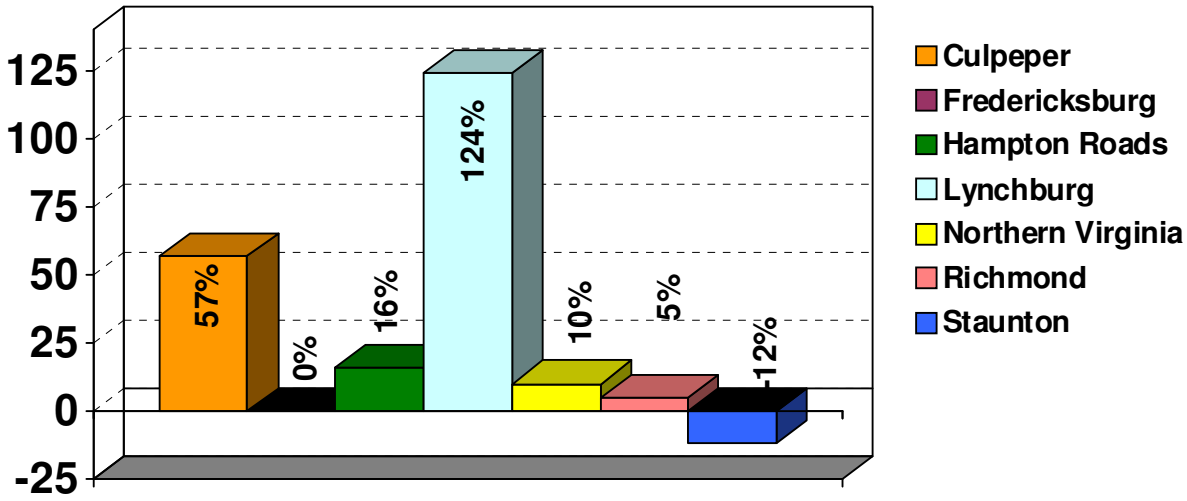


May 2010 Amtrak Ridership by District



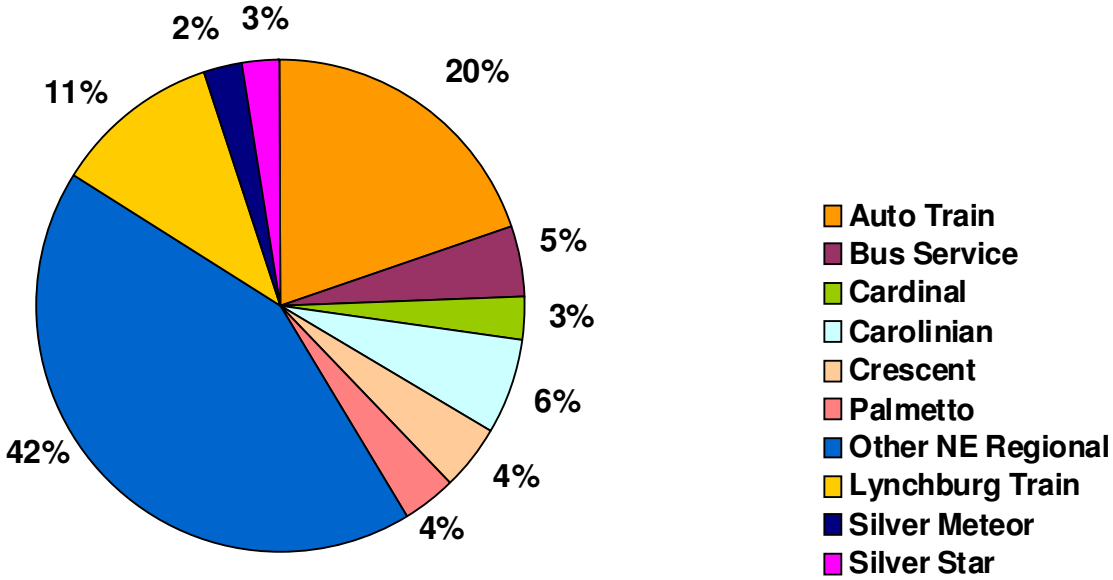
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Percentage Ridership Change By District
May 2009 vs. May 2010



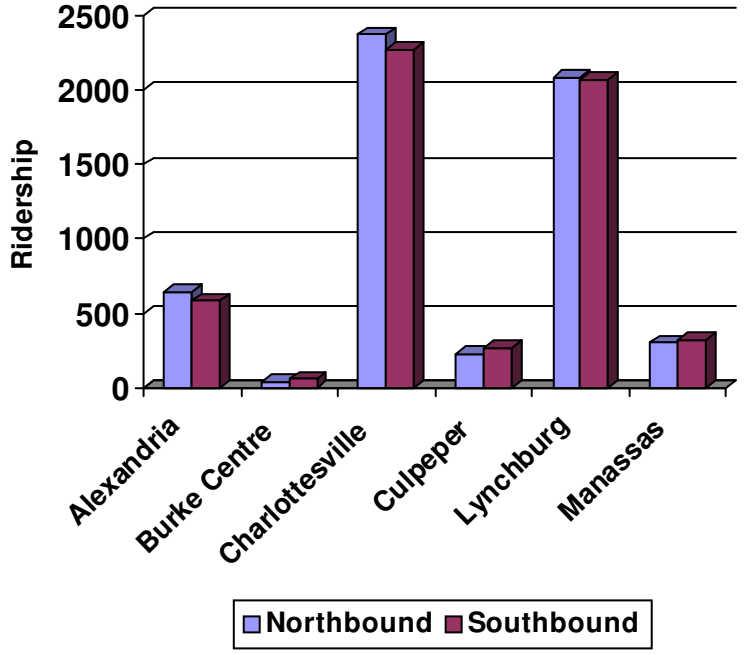
Statewide Amtrak ridership increased 15 percent

May 2010 Statewide Amtrak Ridership
By Service

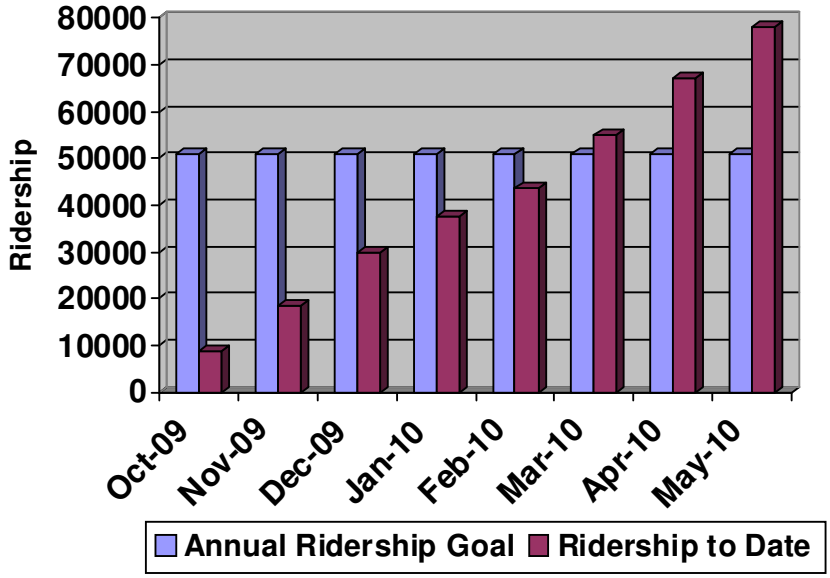


Total I-95 corridor: 82%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 18%

May 2010 Ridership by Direction
New Lynchburg Service

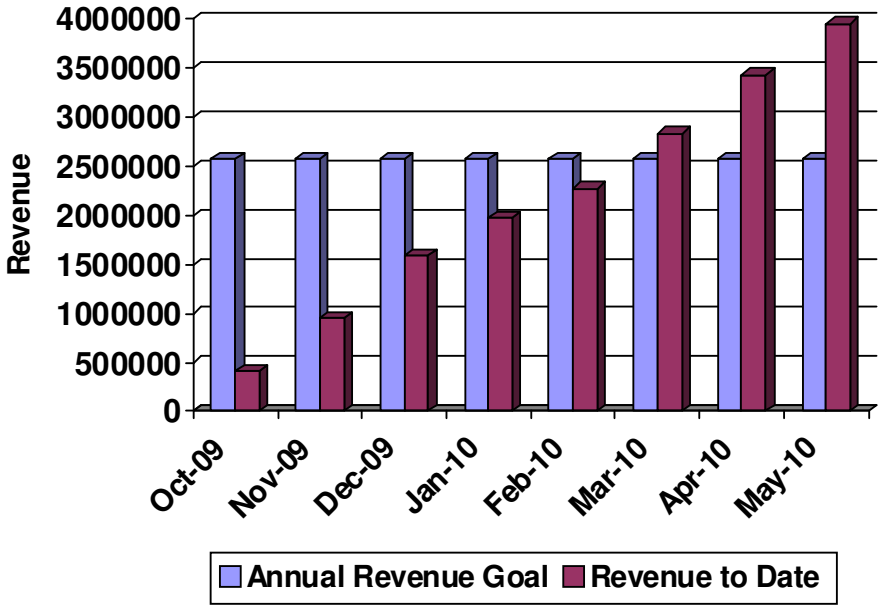


New Lynchburg Route Progress
Toward Annual Ridership Goal



Annual Ridership Goal: 51,000
Ridership to Date: 77,682
Annual goal exceeded by 52.3% to date

New Lynchburg Route Progress Toward Annual Revenue Goal



Annual Revenue Goal: $2,580,000
Revenue to Date: $3,954,898.34
Annual goal exceeded by 53.3% to date

May 2010 Amtrak Virginia Performance Report

Transportation District	Total Passengers May 2010	Total Passengers May 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - May 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - May 2009)	Percent Change
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville (CVS)	8,030	5,215	54%	76,028	54,179	40%
Culpeper (CLP)	751	388	94%	6,576	4,456	48%
Culpeper District Total	**8,781**	**5,603**	**57%**	**82,604**	**58,635**	**41%**
Fredericksburg District						
Fredericksburg (FGB)	3,474	3,460	0%	38,657	37,152	4%
Fredericksburg District Total	**3,474**	**3,460**	**0%**	**38,657**	**37,152**	**4%**
Hampton Roads District						
Newport News (NPN)	12,194	10,353	18%	121,320	116,258	4%
Norfolk Bus Stop (NFK)	1,245	868	43%	10,902	9,901	10%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop (VAB)	741	615	20%	7,028	6,918	2%
Williamsburg (WBG)	3,788	3,607	5%	43,256	44,306	-2%
Hampton Roads District Total	**17,968**	**15,443**	**16%**	**182,506**	**177,383**	**3%**
Lynchburg District						
Danville (DAN)	632	437	45%	7,722	5,353	44%
Lynchburg (LYH)	4,955	2,061	140%	39,650	21,522	84%
Lynchburg District Total	**5,587**	**2,498**	**124%**	**47,372**	**26,875**	**76%**
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria (ALX)	12,267	10,262	20%	120,331	108,269	11%
Burke Centre (BCV)[2]	106	n/a	n/a	398	n/a	n/a
Franconia-Springfield (FRS)	195	242	-19%	2,294	2,568	-11%
Lorton (LOR)	19,566	18,819	4%	221,321	210,716	5%
Manassas (MSS)	1,224	728	68%	11,202	8,085	39%
Quantico (QAN)	1,422	1,575	-10%	14,082	13,603	4%
Woodbridge (WDB)	547	517	6%	5,864	5,797	1%
Northern Virginia District Total	**35,327**	**32,143**	**10%**	**375,492**	**349,038**	**8%**
Richmond District						
Ashland (ASD)	1,740	1,313	33%	16,720	14,763	13%
Main Street (RVM)	2,350	2,004	17%	24,443	21,653	13%
Petersburg (PTB)	1,820	1,834	-1%	20,419	18,431	11%
Staples Mill (RVR)	21,540	20,955	3%	234,981	234,247	0%

Richmond District Total	**27,450**	**26,106**	**5%**	**296,563**	**289,094**	**3%**
Staunton District						
Clifton Forge (CLF)	230	245	-6%	2,965	3,424	-13%
Staunton (STA)	531	616	-14%	5,320	5,580	-5%
Staunton District Total	**761**	**861**	**-12%**	**8,285**	**9,004**	**-8%**
Total Statewide Passengers	**99,348**	**86,114**	**15%**	**1,031,479**	**947,181**	**9%**

Ridership By Service[3]	**Total Passengers May 2010**	**Total Passengers May 2009**	**Percent Change**	**Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - May 2010)**	**Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - May 2009)**	**Percent Change**
Auto Train	19,566	18,819	4%	221,321	210,716	5%
Bus Service	4,627	3,619	28%	43,133	42,462	2%
Cardinal	2,754	3,100	-11%	29,782	32,015	-7%
Carolinian	6,352	6,350	0%	63,493	57,540	10%
Crescent	4,207	7,099	-41%	50,018	74,931	-33%
New Lynchburg Service	11,245	n/a	n/a	82,029	n/a	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	42,083	38,795	8%	451,290	438,822	3%
Palmetto	3,639	3,209	13%	37,791	40,020	-6%
Silver Meteor	2,262	2,226	2%	20,817	20,452	2%
Silver Star	2,613	2,897	-10%	28,782	29,246	-2%
Total Ridership By Service	**99,348**	**86,114**	**15%**	**1,028,456**	**946,204**	**9%**

On-Time Performance[4]	**May 2010**	**May 2009**	**Percent Change**	**Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - May 2010)**	**Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - May 2009)**	**Percent Change**
Statewide	53.0%	60.3%	-12.11%	57.6	57.3	0.5%
New Lynchburg Service	76.8%	n/a	n/a	80.3	n/a	n/a

[1]Passenger data does not directly correspond to Virginia ridership credit on state-sponsored trains.

[2]A new Amtrak stop was added for the new Lynchburg route in January 2010 at Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

[3]By service data accounts for activity at Virginia stations. This data does not account for other Amtrak trains operated in addition to regularly scheduled Virginia service.

[4]Statewide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance is calculated as an average of the year-to-date data. On-time performance for the Lynchburg service is available from the month the service started (October 2009) and forward.